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1. SUMMARY: GENERAL, MISSION FINDS UN PROGRAM WELL RUN AND NOT TROUBLED BY UNUSUAL PROBLEMS. UN COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONORS, INCLUDING USG, IS EXCELLENT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO PARA FIVE OF REFTEL:

A) ROLE OF UNDP IN UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM - IN GENERAL, UNDP RES REP IS AN EFFECTIVE LEADER OF ALL UNDP ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATOR OF OTHER UN T.A. ALL RELATIONSHIPS APPEAR GOOD. UN AND IBRD UNDERTAKINGS ARE COORDINATED AND COMPLEMENTARY TO EXTENT POSSIBLE GIVEN IBRD'S SEPARATE IDENTITY AND LACK OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE. UNICEF DID PARTICIPATE IN UNDP PROGRAMMING EXERCISE

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AND RELATIONS ARE GOOD WITH UNICEF'S REGIONAL OFFICE IN LIMA. RES REP'S MOST DIFFICULT COORDINATION PROBLEM IS WHO/PAHO WHICH

TENDS TO PLAY A MORE INDEPENDENT ROLE BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY SIZEABLE STAFF AND INDEPENDENT SOURCE OF FUNDING. UN RES REP CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT EFFECTIVENESS HIS OFFICE WOULD BE ENHANCED BY ASSIGNMENT OF ADEQUATE STAFF, I.E. HE NOW HAS THREE VERY YOUNG PROGRAMMING ASSISTANTS WHO HAVE HAD NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE. A SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER WHO WOULD MANAGE THE PROGRAM OFFICE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

B) COORDINATION OF ALL EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - MOST COORDINATION STILL PROVIDED BY DONORS. UN RES REP MADE SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS DURING CY 1973 TO ESTABLISH A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATING OFFICE WITHIN TECHNICAL PLANNING SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING PROVISION TWO MMS OF AN EXPERT WHO PREPARED A COORDINATION OFFICE PROPOSAL FOR GOP. GOP RESPONSE HAS BEEN LESS THAN ENERGETIC AND RES REP HAS DESCRIBED GOP'S ATTITUDE AS QUOTE NON-EXISTANT UNQUOTE. NEVERTHELESS, DUE TO RES REP'S CONTINUED PRODDING, AN EMBRYONIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATING OFFICE MAY BE REALIZED WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

C) COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEWS - THE PARAGUAY PROGRAM WAS APPROVED IN JUNE 1973. THE FIRST COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEW IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1974.

D) APPRAISAL OF PROPOSED PROJECTS - USAID ENJOYS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH RES REP AND WITH HIS OFFICE. PROJEJT PROPOSALS ARE ROUTINELY SENT TO US FOR COMMENTS. ORAL COMMENTS BY USAID STAFF TO COUNTERPARTS IN AREAS WHERE BOTH UN AND USAID ARE ACTIVE, E.G. AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION OFTEN INFLUENCE SHAPING OF UN'S PROJECTS BEFORE THEY REACH THE PROPOSAL STATE OVERALL LIASON WITH UN OFFICE IS RESPONSIBILITY OF USAID PROGRAM OFFICER.

E) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM LAST TWO CERP REPORTS (TOAID A-50 FOR 4/73 AND TOAID A-81 OF 6/72, IN PARTICULAR PPS FOUR NO. EIGHT). UN RES REP PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL ABOUT UNDP/UNESCO SUPERIOR NORMAL SCHOOL PROJECT (ISE) WHICH IS COMPLEMENTARY TO AND WELL COORDINATED WITH USAID EDUCATION ACTIVITIES. THIS UN PROJECT COULD HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON QUALITY OF BOTH CURRICULUM AND TEACHER EDUCATION. ON OTHER HAND, WEAKEST UN PROJECT IS IN FORESTRY WHERE INADEQUATE HOST COUNTRY FUNDING, MISUSE UN SUPPLIED COMMODITIES, AND RECENTLY APPOINTED HEAD OF FORESTRY SERVICE ARE CAUSING UN TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO GO FORWARD OR NOT WITH NEXT STAGE OF PROJECT.

F) PROJECT EVALUATION - FIRST TRIPARTITE REVIEWS WILL BE HELD  
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THIS MONTH. ALL PROJECTS ARE TO BE REVIEWED BY MAY 1974. TOO EARLY TO COMMENT ON EFFECTIVENESS THESE REVIEWS. RES REP'S LAST ANNUAL REPORT WAS THE UN PROGRAM SUBMISSION FOR 1972-1976. FOR OUR COMMENTS ON THIS SEE ASUNCION 1321 OF 5 APRIL 1973.

G) FOLOWUP WITH UNDP AND EXECUTING AGENCIES - MISSION CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED BY LACK OF OTHER DONOR (WITH EXCEPTION IPPF AND POP COUNCIL) INVOLVEMENT IN FAMILYHVLANNING HERE. WE HAD HOPED THAT RESIDENT WHO/PAHO EXPERT AND GOP WOULD BE ABLE TO PREPARE A PROGRAM FOR EARLY UNFPA INVOLVEMENT. HOWEVER, RECENT REPORTS FROM UN OFFICE HERE HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGING. UN FAULTS GOP'S

LACK OF EFFORT AND INTEREST. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED  
SUPPORT IN OBTAINING UN'S INVOLVEMENT.  
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